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ITEMS OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE

Short Pungent Paragraphs Gathered Here and There

There are 400,000 deaf mutes in China.

In Wisconsin it is against the law to even give away a cigarette.

Canada this year will witness wonderful activity in railway construction.

In a pack of 51 cards there are 635,013,559,600 possible different whist hands.

The school history list of "The ten great battles of the world" will have two alterations.

At Wardbury, Norway, the longest day lasts from May 21st to July 22d without interruption.

Over 4,000,000 people attended base ball games played by the National and American leagues last year.

In some of the Hindu temples an elephant takes up the collections. It goes around with a basket extended from its trunk.

Boys, don't kill the birds. If you must kill something, why hunt down snakes and rats, but the harmless feathered songsters should have our protection.

Russia, with a population of 127,000,000 has only 18,334 physicians. In the United States, with a population of about 75,000,000 there are 120,000 physicians.

The first life insurance company was organized in London in 1706. What wonderful advancement during the 199 years since that company came into existence!

Certain physicians say that the vermiform appendix can be made useful by being readjusted. The physician still wants the people to believe that he is indespensable.

"Now here's a piece of goods that speaks for itself," said the valuable salesman. "All right," interrupted the weary buyer, "suppose you keep quiet a bit and give it a chance."

Endurance is a necessary endowment for any one who hopes to make a complete success of life's efforts. If the young people, especially the young men, could realize this at the proper time in life there would be infinitely fewer failures to record.

Dollar are not valuable unless they cost something. One of the best things about a dollar is to earn it and see what it has cost and the next is to spend it and see what one gets for it. The man who knows the cost of a dollar generally knows how to save it.

Every boy can whistle "Yankee Doodle" but how many can repeat the words that go with the tune? A schoolmaster who lately asked his pupils to do so found them all deficient on that score. Quite likely the same experience might be had with most all their elders.

Chicago has more Germans than any city except Berlin and Hamburg; more Bohemians than any city except Prague; more Irish than any other city except Dublin; more Scandinavians than city except Stockholm.

If you need to take down stove pipes for the summer, put it away where it will not get jammed nor rusty. If you mark the different lengths, consecutively, with chalk, it will not trouble you so much to put the pipe up next fall.

Oh, merchant, in thine hour of e e e,
If on this paper you should c c c,
Take our advice and now be y y y,
Go straight ahead and adverti i i,
You'll find the project of some u u u;
Neglect can offer no ex q q q.
Be wise at once, prolong your d a a a;
A silent business soon de k k k.

Russia is talking about rebuilding her navy. Japan is actually making formidable additions to hers, having last week launched two of the most powerful battleships ever constructed. The island empire has now a long lead over her antagonist in the race for naval supremacy which it will take at shortest many years to overcome.

A leading banker says of counterfeit bills: If you want to detect a bogus bill, just wet your finger slightly and rub it over the current number of the bill—not the denomination, but the current number consisting of several figures which is stamped on every piece of currency. This bit of printing is the special feature of the work. The number is printed under tremendous pressure and with an indelible ink which is used for this and by the government only. The number on the bad bill will blur and blot under that treatment but the good paper will remain unaffected.

A new railway track layer, with a crew of forty men, will lay two miles of track a day, according to *The Indianapolis News*. The track lay has a huge crane sixty feet long, which projects forward over the road and hauls behind it a train of sixteen flat cars loaded with ties and rails. A continuous double line of cars move constantly over rollers and carries the tie with it. Both rails and ties are seized and placed on the road in front of the train, where they shortly form part of the track over which it passes. The device is said to be the most expeditious as well as economical track layer in the world.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8th, 1905.

THE presidential candidacy to be settled in the Republican national convention three years from the coming summer is being discussed in Washington to a surprising extent, a result, perhaps, of the absence of other topics of more absorbing interest, but also promoted by the incipient presidential booms which have already made their appearance. Among the men who have avowed their aspirations, privately or publicly, are Vice President Fairbanks, Senator Foraker, Secretary Shaw and the latest of the aspirants—though not avowed, Postmaster General Cortelyou. Two others names are mentioned in this connection, those of Elihu Root, former Secretary of War, and William H. Taft, present Secretary of War. Of the field, Vice President Fairbanks is regarded by the public as the most likely candidate and there is no doubt that he is playing the game of politics with a master hand. On the other hand, there are many shrewd politicians who say that Mr. Fairbanks' boom is premature and that, like most premature things, it is likely to get nipped by frosts. A facile speaker and a suave conversationalist, the Vice President makes many friends but few of the "thick and thin" variety, for the reason that he possesses too little magnetism to draw men to him in that way. His enemies tell ugly stories of Wall street domination and an unholy alliance with J. P. Morgan and E. H. Harriman, successively, based no doubt on the fact that the Vice President made his fortune as a railroad attorney and probably on little else. But aspiring candidates can, unfortunately, never escape unwarranted insinuations from those opposed to them.

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Secretary Shaw is a good speaker, a "good fellow" and would doubtless have the confidence of the businessmen of the country. On the other hand, he is a man of little culture and of far narrower calibre, than for instance, President Roosevelt, while his recent decision granting the millers a drawback on imported Canadian wheat when mixed with domestic wheat and exported as flour has lowered the price of wheat by several cents and is claimed by westerners to have ruined the Secretary's vote getting ability among the wheat raisers of the great west. Senator Foraker promises to be a strong candidate. He has served his State creditably as Governor and in Senate for eight years and has a host of friends. Judging by the predictions of those who ought to know, he is a candidate who will play an important part in the next Republican convention. Postmaster General Cortelyou's boom is too new to be accurately gauged as yet. It is based, of course, on his very successful conduct of the last national campaign and the fact that he has been the right hand of three presidents and knows the business. His boom is automatic; he is not urging it. Had Secretary Root accepted the nomination for Governor of New York he would doubtless have been the Republican presidential candidate to succeed President Roosevelt. He would have carried his State last fall by as large a majority as did the President. He is a man of exceptional ability and fine character and he enjoys the confidence of the Republican leaders, including President Roosevelt, one of whose closest friends and most loyal supporters he is. All this was pointed out to Mr. Root when he was urged to accept the gubernatorial nomination but he insisted that he had no political ambitions and that he owed it to himself and his family to apply himself to the accumulation of a fortune. He went about this by accepting a $100,000 retaining fee as counsel of the Northern Securities Company and it is believed this fact would injure his prospects, even if he were willing to enter the race, which is by no means certain. It can be stated on the highest authority that Secretary Taft does not wish the nomination. He has one ambition in life and that is to become Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court and if that position becomes vacant during President Roosevelt's term Mr. Taft will achieve his ambition.

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There is one man who is not a candidate and who has no intention of becoming one, who is regarded by many of the ablest politicians in both parties as the most probable nominee. His name is Theodore Roosevelt. No one who knows the President questions the sincerity of his assertion that under no conditons would he accept the nomination for another term. On the other hand, it is pointed out that no man can refuse the insistence of a national convention and that President Roosevelt would be powerless to stem the tide, whatever might be his wishes, if it were once turned in his favor. Those who predict that President Roosevelt will succeed himself declare that the next national Republican convention will be the scene of tremendous factional activity, that finally it will become evident that no one of the candidates whose name has been considered can be nominated and that, eventually someone will name Roosevelt and that he will be nominated by acclamation.

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Apropos of the possibility, or probability, of President Roosevelt's succeeding himself, attention is called to the ovations he is this week receiving in the South. He has already carried Missouri into the Republican column. How many more Southern States may he not be able to swing when 1908 rolls round? Of one thing there can be no doubt. If, in the estimation of the Republican leaders, Theodore Roosevelt can command more votes than any other candidate he will be nominated despite his wishes.

Money is not made on any farm very rapidly and never without plenty of good hard work, which is the reason why so many young men dodge the farm if possible. The successful farmer will accumulate money slowly, but safely and surely, and he will further always see to it that his soil is not depleted, but rather made more productive each year.

THE FARM, GARDEN AND DAIRY

Little Paragraphs That will Interest Every Member of the Household

There are 5,000 bees in a pound.

Ventilate the cellar.

The rapid walking horse gets the gait by careful training when young.

Don't sell immature horses. Keep a little longer and get a better price.

From the time it is hatched until it becomes matured, the bee is 21 days old.

Raise 1,200 to 1,300 pounds mares for the farm and 1,500 to 1,800 pound horses for sale.

With a telephone in the house, a buggy in the barn, a rural mail box at the gate the problem is solved—how to keep the girls and boys on the farm.

A western mule raiser says two mules can be raised until 3 years old on the same feed as one steer. The steer will be worth from $60 to $75; the mules from $250 to $300.

The farmer who does his best, always and everywhere, is the one who does most to lift up his country, state and township. The roots of good government are deep down among the good farmers of the country.

It is said that the inhabitants of New York eat an egg apiece every day in the year, which makes a total of 1,405,250,000 in the twelve months.

An exchange offers the following wholesome advice to farmers who employ help on the farm: "Keep on the right side of your hired man. Treat him well so long as he is in your employ, and if he does not deserve good treatment, or respond to it, do not keep him. A good hired man will appreciate good usage and kind favors and pay for them by the extra amount and better quality of his services. It is courtesy to treat all men decently. In the case of your hired man it is also policy and economy. Be liberal with him, not only at the table, but give him occasionally a spare day for amusement and recreation. Any intelligent hired man will work harder and perform his labor better when he feels that his employer appreciates well doing."

The farmer should feel proud of his profession, as it is one of the most useful and necessary occupations. He does not sit on the ragged edge of doubt as to the permanency of his position. No master has a mortgage on his labor or his products. He is a king among men, and his home is the abode of contentment. He studies the laws of nature and derives maintenance from her bounteous stores. When times are hard, and laborers are clamoring for work, he has plenty of business to occupy his time. If the farmer commences with small capital his investment is sure to increase, for the earth often rewards the husbandman a hundredfold. The proper management of small undertakings leads to larger enterprises. The well-tilled farm produces abundantly, and the farmer always has a surplus to sell that makes him independent even in strenuous times. The farmer is the foundation of the commercial prosperity of the country.

NEW FASHION HINTS

Cashmere in the palest shade of grey is here daintily trimmed with white lace and royal blue velvet.

The foundation is a fitted body lining that closes at the center back and is faced with alternate bands of lace and cashmere to form a round yoke.

The waist is tucked back and front to simulate broad triple box plaits that extend from the yoke to belt.

A circular bertha collar finishes the edge of the yoke and extends over the sleeves. A shallow collar band is trimmed to match the yoke. The waist is gathered at the lower edge and attached to the lining over which it blouses well all around.

Tucks in the upper part of the sleeve are stitched down to form a fitted cap. The sleeve is also tucked at the wrist in cuff effects, the fullness between the tucks making a large puff. The sleeves are trimmed with band of lace.

A panel front in the skirt gives the effect of having been continued from the waist above and this is emphasized by the novel trimming of velvet passed through eyelets and tied below the belt.

The skirt proper is gathered at the top and fastened to the body portion, a sash of velvet concealing the seam. A deep hem is surmounted by three tucks.

Dresses in this style made of eoilienne, crepe-de-chine, albatross, veiling or Henrietta are tastefully trimmed with fancy braid, lace, tucked batiste and taffeta.

To make a dress for a girl of 8 years will require 4¼ yards of material 36 inches wide. The pattern is cut in sizes for girls of 4, 6, 8 and 10 years.

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OUR WOMAN'S COLUMN

Hope is a nerve tonic for ambitious women.

The day is intended for work; the night for rest.

Keep tea in a crock or covered China dish and not in tin as tin ruins the flavor.

Nearly all of the advertised "work at home" offers are swindles. Beware of them.

Every sweet girl graduate expects to marry and rule some roost herself sooner or later.

Few women chefs are found in the large hotels in Chicago. Men are taking their places.

To appreciate your blessing just imagine someone else enjoying them for a day or two.

Princess gowns, so impossible to many figures, are now made available by a bloused effect.

Going without a meal now and then is a very valuable aid to and overtaxed digestion.

Last summer's dresses have possibilities. Sleeves, however, must be turned upside down.

All the old weaves and patterns of lace curtains, popular thirty years ago, are being revived.

Don't wear tight shoes; they make a young face look old, drawn and wrinkled in a few hours.

A lady said the otherday "I don't congratulate couples any more; I just say I hope he has enough to support her."

When mother goes to visit her daughter she takes no party dresses, but you bet she takes her kitchen aprons.

If you are feeling blue, talk to someone who is so much worse than you that your troubles amount to nothing.

A bachelor physician declares the microbes in kisses are often fatal—at least they often develop matrimonial germs.

You can talk about physical culture, but if a young lady wishes a good form let her get down to doing house work. It gives you exercise and trains you for a good wife.

A Chicago judge says that if a woman is so unfortunate as to marry a brute of a husband, she is justified in taking his life in defending herself.

When a girl is 16 she refuses to wear old clothes, and when she is 60 she refuses to wear her new ones, putting them away to "save" them.

Milk will immediately and effectually extinguish the flames from gasoline or any form of petroleum, since it forms an emulsion with the oil, whereas water only spreads it.

When a girl is two, her father is pleased when she goes into his pockets when he comes home nights; when she is ten, he is irritated, and when she is thirty, he gets mad.

Mrs. Chadwick's household property was recently sold for $25,200. It cost $100,000 and is to be displayed in a museum. Dr. Chadwick has been hired at $100 per week to play the pipe organ.

Attainment of the hourglass figure is largely a question of poise—the art of holding oneself properly and walking properly. Walk on your toes—this is the chief secret of both poise and walking. Use the heels merely to aid in balancing, but place the weight of the of the body forward on the toes.

The West Side Mothers' Council in Chicago declares that the old song of our childhood:

"Now I lay me down to sleep.
I pray the Lord my soul to keep;
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take."

Is simply horrible. The idea of death at night should never be used to shock the infant mind. Instead of that, the president proposes to use:

"Father, we thank Thee for the night
And for the pleasant morning light,
For rest and food and loving care
And all that makes the world so fair."

Which are said to be eminently tranquilizing. However, the fact remains that most people do die in the night and all the tranquilizing hymns in the world cannot obliterate this fact. There seems to be an ebb and flow of the vital forces and at this period they are at the lowest pitch.

AN INTERESTING INNOVATION

Delaware Should Get in Line With a Corn Train

The Maryland Agricultural College and Experimental Station has inaugurated an interesting plan to aid farmers to increase the yield of corn per acre in that State. The plan is to explain to the farmers the necessity of having the right kind of seed corn and to give lectures and advice as to its selection.

The Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad has placed a train at the disposal of the lecturers sent out by the Experimental Station. The train left Baltimore last Friday, and it has been traveling all this week, making frequent stops of about half an hour, at different points, where farmers are gathered to listen to talk on corn cultivation.

It is the opinion of those in this movement that a more judicious selection of seed corn should increase the yield from ten to twenty bushels per acre. It is claimed that the lectures from the "corn specials" in Iowa last year increased the corn crop of that State $25,000,000. Experiments have been made at the Experiment Station which have satisfied the officials there that the Maryland farmers should get from ten to twenty bushels more per acre without any change in cultivation or increase in fertilizing.

The subject has attracted much attention in the great corn States of the Middle West, and so much confidence is felt in the importance of the movement that large sums of the money have been expended in sending these corn seed specials over the country. Farmers have attended the meetings in large numbers, coming from considerable distances, and it is confidently asserted that they have reaped a great reward in increased crops.

ONE SUIT FOR FIFTY

But it Made it Possible For These Indians to Votes

"Talking about voting under difficulties," remarked a congressman from Minnesota a few days ago, "I remember in my state in former times there was a popular law that Indians who wore clothes could vote. The woods were full of Indians, but suits of clothes were mighty scarce around there, especially with the Indians. Whenever there was no special interest in the election or it was all one way the ingenuity of man was not stirred up sufficiently to put two and two together in such a way as to get those Indians to vote, but one day votes were mighty valuable, and an energetic worker set out to get Indians.

"The red men were as thick as flies, but every last one of them had a blanket wrapped about him, and very few of them had ever had on the clothing of civilization. The proposition to let them vote if they wore clothes was made in order to encourage them in the ways of civilization and also with the idea that a man who had on clothes would be a pretty intelligent Indian.

"Well, the demand for votes stirred up one of the hard workers, and he got an old suit of clothes and took it to a hut near the voting precinct. One by one the Indians were brought in dressed up in the clothing of civilization and voted. As soon as an Indian had been voted he was hurried back to the hut and his clothing was transferred to another Indian. The idea spread, and other enterprising political workers set up the same kind of business. The number of Indians that could be voted with one suit of clothes was merely limited to the number of changes that could be made. Each suit of clothes was easily good to vote fifty Indians. The lightning change acts that were performed by the Indians would be an object lesson to lightning change artists on the stage."
—*Washington Star.*

BEEF AND TURKEY

Discussing the comparative food value of roast beef and turkey, the *Lancet* says:

First, it may be said that weight for weight the flesh of the turkey is more nourishing than that of beef, but the latter is, generally speaking, cheaper than the former. The moisture in beef, however, exceeds the amount present in the flesh of the turkey, and the latter contains a better percentage of proteid, or flesh forming substance. In either case the percentage of moisture is seldom less than 70 per cent. In lean beef the amount of fat is much the same as in a not too well fed turkey, but it must be pointed out that the flesh of poultry differs from that of beef or mutton in not having its muscular fibers permeated by fat, and, moreover, the fibers in the flesh of fowl are short and readily yield to the disintegrating action of the digestive processes. A large amount of fat in either case is apt to interfere with the digestibility of the meat. The fat of beef is more digestible than the fat of the turkey. The fat of birds, in fact, is harder and owing to its tendency to become rancid is unsuitable for the dyspeptic patient.

Perhaps the most important difference, however, from a dietetic point of view between beef and turkey is that whereas beef contains a high percentage of extractive matters, turkey contains hardly any at all. The extractive matters in beef account largely for its peculiar and marked flavor, and owing to their absence in poultry generally and in the pheasant and partridge the flavor of these meats is delicate. But there is no doubt that the extractives of beef as well as of mutton are valuable, for not only are they flavoring agents, but they also act as perhaps the most powerful stimulants to gastric digestion.

SIMPERS FILES NOTICE OF APPEAL

ELKTON, MD., April 10th.—Messrs. Strahorn and Mulliken, counsel for John M. Simpers, convicted of the wilful murder of Albert Constable, and sentenced to be hanged, have filed notice of appeal and have until May 15th to prepare their bill of exceptions, if they conclude to move for a new trial. It is likely that the case will be carried to the Court of Appeals on the grounds that the confession was improperly admitted, and that Harris, a convicted murderer, should not have been allowed to testify.

The full text of the sentence passed upon Simpers by Chief Judge James Alfred Pearce, which was not reported at the time, is a most impressive and conclusive death sentence.

A hundred thinkers grow gray a thinking; a hundred discoverers grow old a discovering; a financier comes along, grabs the theories and the finds, hires folks to straighten 'em out, and rides his automobile while the poor fellows of ideas eat mush and water by the roadside. The men who do brain work get the crust-crumbs which fall from the commercial sponge-cake. Brains are poor collaterals to raise money on.

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DIG THE CANAL

"The American public has only one interest in the Panama Canal Commission in its various shapes, forms and membership. It wants the canal dug.

"It wants it dug without delay. It desires the work to be done as it should be by a country big enough and rich enough to have the canal dug right, whatever it costs. The one sufficient reason for removing the previous commission was that it was in existence for a year without doing more than cleaning house.

"It resembled a council of war, which, as Napoleon said, "never fights." The new commission is organized for business, and business ought to be the result. Its members are less distinguished than those of the previous commission, but they are said to be better hustlers. The public looks to see them justify this reputation. The organization of the new commission is sharply divided between those who administer and those who counsel; between those who makeplans and those who execute them. Only three men are practically in control, one to direct, one to dig and one to govern.

"What the final plans are to be can be decided while the work goes on. For a year, perhaps for two years to come, it makes no difference whether the Panama Canal is to have locks or be a sea level canal. In either case the digging for months to come must be done just the same. Time exists for the consulting council of engineers to pass on the final plans, while spade and dredge are steadily turning.

"Much is now done for which too little credit has been given. Sanitation has been improved. The isthmus was never healthier, in spite of some faults left. The demoralization of a region for fifty years, thronged by the leaving of all lands, without law or police regulation, has been swept away. Gambling has been stopped, protecting the savings of labor. Liquor selling has been sharply regulated. The pestilent sutlers who have hung on the skirts of this army of labor under the French company have been suppressed. Instead, canteens carefully supervised, the Salvation Army and Young Men's Christian Association work have been encouraged. Both agencies are at work under our flag. Both know it. Neither was present under Columbian rule, corrupt, inefficient and without moral standards. These reforms mark an economic as well as a moral advance. Nothing in tropical enterprises is so costly as labor half drunk, men dying like flies of tropical fever.

"With this sound beginning, Mr. Shonts and his two associates, Chief Engineer Wallace and Governor Magoon, can now go forward and the country expects progress in steady digging.—*Philadelphia Press.*

DELAWARE'S NEW PARTY

Twice denied the privilege, in spite of solemn pledges, of voting on the question of license or no license of the liquor traffic in this State, the temperance people of Delaware contemplate organizing a new political party, to be known as the Citizens' party, which shall absorb the Prohibition party so far as State issues are concerned, but not on national issues. The project was devised by Rev. Robert Watt, D. D., of Smyrna, president of the Delaware State Temperance Alliance, and other members of that organization, with whom he conferred on the subject. Before it passed for Kent County a Local Option bill "full of holes," the Legislature was warned that an outrage against the rights of citizenship would drive decent and self-respecting citizens of all parties to band themselves in a new organization, whose chief purpose should be the maintenance of the dearest rights of American citizenship, and the organization of the Citizens' party will be the fulfilment of the threat. Besides striving for local option, the new party will demand a wise and economical administration of the affairs of State and use every effort to bring to justice those who are guilty of the crime of debauching the ballot. Full State, county and legislative tickets will be nominated.

The executive committee, which is composed of Rev. Robert Watt, D. D., of Smyrna, Richard M. Cooper, of Cheswold, Rev. Joel S. Gilfillan, D. D., of Newark, Rev. A. S. Mowbray, D. D., of Wilmington, Frederick Bringhurst, of Marshallton, Rev. W. L. S. Murray, D. D., of Wilmington, Hon. Walter O. Hoffecker, of Smyrna, H. B. Hitch, of Laurel, and George W. Todd, of Wilmington.

GOOD PRICES FOR WHEAT

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is reported as saying unless changes are made in our method of growing wheat the United States will become dependent upon other countries for its bread. This is a sorrowful prediction in view of the fact that millions of acres of wheat producing land in this country is yet to be brought under cultivation. Secretary Wilson thinks there must be a greater rotation of crops. Lands must not be seeded to wheat so often, but kept longer in grass. In reference to prices he says: "I do not mean to frighten the people by saying that there will be a great shortage in wheat, but I am confident that there will be a large increase in the price unless the methods are changed. At present the per capita consumption of wheat in this country is from six to seven bushels and we are consuming nearly all we raise. You can see at once what will happen when there is a further decline in the yield. Of course, when the price rises enough to justify farmers in other sections of the country to grow wheat they will do so, but they will not begin raising this staple product in the Middle West until the prices of wheat rises to such a figure as will make it profitable.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Mrs. Fletcher Price is in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Oakley Barwick was in Philadelphia last week.

Mr. James Johnson was in Philadelphia on Saturday.

Mr. Byron Bouchelle spent several days last week in Baltimore.

Mrs. Charles Ellis, of Elkton, visited Miss Kay Price one day last week.

Mrs. William Howard, of Randalia, spent Friday with Miss Elva Griffith.

Mrs. William Malster, of Baltimore, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Anna Conrey.

Mrs. Frank Williams and children, of Lewes, Del., have arrived for the summer.

Several linesmen were in town Saturday and Sunday repairing the cable at the Lock.

Mr. George Montgomery, of Baltimore, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Cooling.

The chapel exercises of the sixth and seventh grades are now held in connection with the High School.

Mrs. H. V. Manlove and daughter spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. I. G. Griffith, Jr.

Miss Minnie Reed has returned home after a lengthy visit with her sister, Mrs. Edwin Graves, Marietta, Pa.

The Daughters of the Confederacy held a special meeting at the home of Mrs. M. E. Willis on Saturday evening.

Mrs. D. Palmer Boulden and daughter Luice and Miss Carrie Brown, of Elkton, were in town one day last week.

Rev. William Schouler, of Elkton and Rev. Mr. Matthews, of Philadelphia, were in town one day last week.

Mr. George Marinor, of Philadelphia, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. H. H. Brady and Mrs. Andrew Beaston.

Miss Florence Egee has returned from an extended visit with her uncle Mr. William Bouchelle, of New York.

Presiding Elder A. S. Mowbray, D. D., will preach here on the evening of April 16th, at 7.30 o'clock in the M. E. Church.

Messrs. Chester McWilliams and Clarence Willis have returned here after spending the winter with their families in New Jersey.

The International Sunshine Society will meet at the home of Mrs. G. S. Wooley next Tuesday evening, Mrs. North the State President will be present.

St. Monias Guild of the Church of the Good Shepherd will hold their regular monthly meeting at the home of Miss Elsie Harsner on Wednesday evening, April 19th.

Mr. George Herman was burning brush in his lot near the woods, the fire got beyond his control and caught to the under brush. The damage to the woods was considerable.

Miss Mary Sander's parents have moved to Town Point and Mary has withdrawn from the High School. It is hoped that she will find her way clear to return as she is a diligent student.

The ladies of the Church of the Good Shepherd met at the home of Mrs. J. H. Steele last Thursday evening to discuss the advisability of securing a rector, there being no official vestry at present.

The question debated last week by the High School pupils was resolved that the School Board should paint the walls of the school room instead of repairing. Miss Morgan and Mr. Vanghan defended the affirmative and Mr. William Schafer, negative. Miss Johnson was to have assisted Mr. Schaefer but was absent. Mr. Schaefer got the debate by a vote of 4 to 1.

Mr. Caldwell spoke for a few minutes after chapel on Friday in return to the boys playing base ball this season. He spoke of the hard feelings that have existed for many years between the ball teams of Elkton and Chesapeake City and that he would like to see the five games that are to be played between the two High Schools spoken of as the friendliest games ever played between the two teams. He said that the boys here should treat the visiting team as courteously as they would a guest in their own home and that when they went to Elkton they should receive the same treatment. Now boys, show the people you are gentlemen.

WARWICK

Miss Helen Eaton spent Sunday at home.

Mr. Powell F. Johns was in Elkton one day this week.

Jr. Endeavor prayer meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Mary A. Lofland is visiting in Chester and Philadelphia this week.

Mr. D. W. Wilson, of Wilmington, was an over Sunday visitor at the Gillespie House.

There will be mass at St. Francis Xavier Church to-morrow morning at the usual hour.

Miss Edna V. Stephens was the guest of her cousin, Miss Emma L. Vinyard, last Saturday.

Mrs. Urie P. Ginn, of near Odessa, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Verena L. Vinyard, last Sunday.

Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A., meets every Wednesday evening in Merritts Hall at 7 o'clock.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society will hold an entertainment in the P. O. S. of A. Hall next Thursday evening.

R. B. Merritt, Jr., is making extensive alterations in his store. He has made it two feet wider and will use one entire side for groceries.

W. T. Vineyard, M. E. Manlove, Mrs. T. L. Smith and daughter, Miss Minnie, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Manlove, near Middletown, last Sunday.

Senior Endeavor prayer meeting Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. There will be no preaching service, and the Endeavor Society extends a cordial ivitation to the public.

Another sensation concerning the Middletown and Cecilton Railway is now afloat. It is understood that Mr. Polk will be given a limited time in which to begin the work on which he started last year, and after that time if he has not resumed his duties it will fall to another individual who will at once complete the long looked for railway.

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ST. GEORGES

Mrs. Samuel Lester spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Miss Katie Swain is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Beulah Swartz is visiting Samuel Lester and family.

Miss Kate Swartz spent last week with Mrs. Ella Hammond.

Mr. Alfred Hudson, of Smyrna, visited friends near town this week.

Miss Ida Wright is spending sometime with friends in Wilmington.

Mr. Brown and William Gamble spent Sunday with friends in Wilmington.

Mrs. George Swain was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. George Lester, on Saturday.

Miss Gertrude Swain visited Mr. and Mrs. John Vail, in Delaware City, part of this week.

Mrs. Catherine Smith and Miss Anna Stewart spent Monday and Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Addie Richards and son and Mrs. Laura Padley and son spent Sunday with Mrs. John Lester.

Miss Lucie Hill left on Friday for a two months' visit with friends in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Miss May Carey and Messrs. William Downey and Alfred Hughes spent Sunday with George Swain and family.

Clayton Riley, who has been visiting friends in Philadelphia for the past five weeks, returned home on Thursday.

Mrs. Bennett Lancaster, of New Castle, was the guest of her brother, James Paynter and daughter, Miss Julia, on Saturday.

John Lester spent Sunday in Philadelphia as the guest of his mother and sister, Mrs. Henry Lester and Mrs. Harry Jacobs.

Mrs. Lattomus and Miss Maybel Smith, of Chester, Pa., have been the guests of their sister, Mrs. David Lynam and family.

Whooping cough and measles have made their appearance, there being seven cases of whooping cough and two of measles.

SASSAFRAS

Miss Susie Pearce visited Sassafras on Wednesday.

Mr. Smith Burris left here on Monday to visit friends near Kennedyville.

Mr. Fredrick VanSant visited his family here from Saturday until Monday.

Mr. I. Donahoe, of Wilmington, visited Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross on Monday.

Mr. John F. Ernest last his driving mare on Saturday from spasmodic colic.

Mrs. Fredrick VanSant entertained her sister, Mrs. E. Crisfield, of near Galena, on Monday.

Messrs. Robert and William Shallcross, of Chestertown, are visiting Mr. Jacob T. Shallcross, near town.

Miss Bessie Gunkle, of Warwick, was the guest of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ernest, on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Calhoun were entertained on Friday by their pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Coale, of Earlville.

The Maryland Annual Conference of the M. P. Church at Salisbury closed Tuesday, after being in session for a week.

The friends of Mr. Perkin Staats, whom left here late last Fall for Colorado, are pleased to learn of his great improvement in health.

The commissioners of Cecil County have agreed to give $7,000 toward the erection of a new High School building at North East, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Calwell and children, of Galena, were entertained on Friday by her brother, Mr. and Mrs. William Stradly.

Mrs. I. Gunkle and son Mr. Andrew Reynolds, of Warwick, were entertained by her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ernest, on Sunday.

Governor Warfield has designated April 14th as Arbor and Bird Day. Our public Schools in Kent and Cecil Counties will celebrate the day by planting trees.

CECILTON

Miss Edna Stephens spent Sunday with Miss Lillie Short.

Mr. James T. Watts spent a few days this week in Baltimore.

Mrs. James Smith spent Wednesday last with Mrs. James Pierce.

Miss Anna Duhamell, of Earleville, was the guest of Miss Mira Dawson on Sunday.

Allie Pierce and wife spent Sunday with his brother, George Pierce and wife.

Miss Mollie Rickards has returned from visiting relatives in Newark and Philadelphia.

Mrs. Watts and Miss Mary Money, of Townsend, spent Thursday last with Mrs. James A. Pierce.

Miss Elizabeth Anderson spent Saturday last with her sister, Mrs. James Budd, in Philadelphia.

Miss Anna Donahue, of Wilmington, spent a few days with her grandmother, Mrs. John Morris, this week.

Miss Lydia Manlove, of near Middletown, was the guest of Mrs. Clara Manlove on Saturday and Sunday.

Owens Griffith, of Elkton High School, spent from Friday till Monday with his parents, Charles Griffith and wife.

Mrs. Thomas VanBuskirk and daughters who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. John Morris, returned to their home in Baltimore last week.

DEMOCRATS DINE

NEW YORK, April 13th.—Seven hundred guests of the Democratic Club attended the Thomas Jefferson dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria to-night. The galleries were filled with women—wives and friends of the diners. Judge Parker, the late Democratic candidate for the Presidency, sat on the left of President Fox of the club, with Mayor McClellan on his right. Judge Parker was introduced as "The gallant standard bearer of the Democracy." Many diners rose and all cheered and waved napkins. Judge Parker read his speech.

The heartiest cheer durihg Parker's speech came at his mention of Cleveland's name. There was only scattering applause when he spoke of Bryan. The Judge was heartily applauded at the close of his speeeh. He was followed by Mayor McClellan, Senator Newlands of Nevada, former judge and candidate for governor, D. Cady Herrick, former judge, Augustus Van Wyck, Henry T. Rainey of Illinois, Joseph J. Willett of Alabama and John W. Kern of Indiana.

ODESSA

Miss Louise N. Corbit is visiting friends in Norristown, Pa.

Moody Stevens spent Friday of last week in Wilmington.

Miss Viola H. Cleaver spent Sunday with friends in Wilmington.

Mrs. J. K. Williams is the guest of her daughter in Germantown, Pa.

Miss Ethel Ward is spending sometime with his sister in Chester, Pa.

Mr. H. R. Sharp, of Wilmington, was an over Sunday visitor in town.

Rev. R. L. Hallett visited his parents in Milford a few days this week.

Mrs. H. F. Smyth and son Henry are visiting relatives in Germantown, Pa.

Miss Ella Rose, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her sister, Miss Burdette Rose.

Mrs. U. P. Ginn entertained her sister, Miss Ethel Vinyard, of Warwick, this week.

Mrs. L. V. Aspril, Jr., was a Philadelphia visitor Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. R. J. Mailly entertained the Womans' Home Missionary Society on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. G. E. Coppage left Friday for Long Island, N. Y., where she will spend sometime with her son.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reynolds and daughter Dorothy spent Sunday with his parents near Townsend.

Mrs. R. L. Hallett who has been spending the past two weeks' with relatives at Skipton, Md., returned home to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ginn, who for the past four years have been living on a farm near town removed to Clayton last week.

The following pupils of the Odessa public schools have attained the average of 90 per cent. or over for the month of March: ROOM No 1.—Helen Townsend, Minnie Armstrong, Madeline Pennington, Martha Cochran, Mary Aspril, Emma Carpenter, Lola Pleasanton, Alice McCoy, Lolo Celest Harris, Gertrude Wallace, Elsa Muhlberger, Stella Owens, Frank Keen, Fred Kielkoff, Earl Pleasanton. ROOM No. 2.—Mary Carpenter, Emma Pennington, Mabel Wallace, Ethelda Webb, Mary Evans, Mildred Harris, Arthur Phillips, Elsie McClosky, Lloyd Caulk, Rose Evans, James Carpenter, Walter Wiest, Florence Atherly, Addie Davis. ROOM No. 3.—Blanche Wiest, Corrine Kielkoff, Pearl Harris, Loeta Buckson, Emma Wallace, Frances Heller, Milton Phillips, Norman Ward, Robert Heller, Craig Naudain, Frank Croft.

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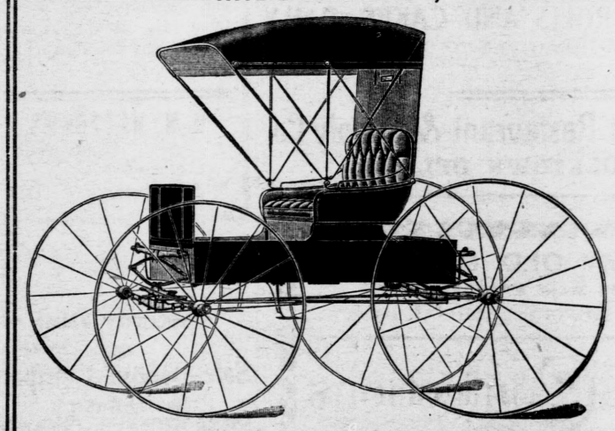
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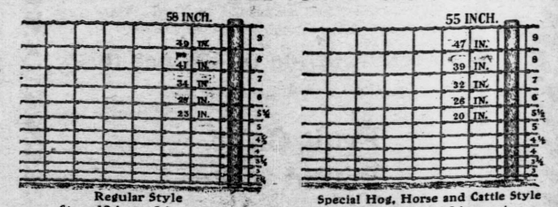

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Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—7.0 a. m., 8.35 a m 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.
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A copy of the New Law of Trade Marks will be sent free to any one interested in Trade Mark Protection, by C. A. SNOW & Co. opposite Patent Office, Washington, D. C.

LOOK.—OPERATORS WANTED at the Middletown Shirt Factory. Good wages and steady work. Board can be secured reasonable. Apply to factory.
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RHODE ISLAND RED EGGS FOR SALE.—Selected from my best pen at $1.50 per setting of 15, or $5.50 per 100. Pen No. 2, $1.00 per setting, or $4.00 per 100. C. P. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending April 6th: Miss Beeson, Miss Emma Meades, Frank Benned, C. Herbert McClay, Perry Wilson, J. Nowland.

"THE HEN THAT SCRATCHES LAYS THE EGG THAT HATCHES." — $1.00 for 15 Rhode Island Reds, White, Buff and Barred Rocks, White Wyandottes, S. C. White and Black Leghorns. T. R. BRADSHAW, Odessa, Del.

If you will clip the coupons which will appear in our ad. during the month of April and bring them to our store between the 1st and 5th of May, you will receive a cash prize.
MRS G. W. PETERSON.

PLANTS FOR SALE —Persons wanting early cabbage and tomato plants will leave their order with Mrs. S. M. Satterfield on North Broad street, plants will be kept on hand. E. J. STEELE, Florist,
Henderson, Md.

EGGS FOR HATCHING.—Single Comb Brown Leghorns seventy five cents per setting of 15 from my great laying strain. Send for circular and prices by the hundred. T. E. CLAYTON,
MT. PLEASENT, DEL.

We have decided to discontinue handling some of the styles of Corsets handled by us in the past, and have just received a large line of the "W. B. Erect Form Corset." Call and see them.
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Please note! We are HEADQUARTERS for WOVEN PICKET FENCE, the *closest* and *best made* fence in the market. *Barb* and *Plain Wire*, and *Galvanized Corrugated Iron Roofing* of *Standard thickness*, and the *best quality*. Prices as low as the *lowest*. G. E. HUKILL.

I have secured the agency for the Electric Laundry, and will collect on Monday and deliver on Thursday of each week. I also have the agency for a company that scourers, cleans and presses clothing. All work is guaranteed to be of the best quality. D. C. PLEASANTON.

The merchants are displaying an unusually fine stock of goods and wares this spring, and all buyers will do well to come and look over the stock of our merchants before buying elsewhere. Prices are lower and goods are better than ever before. Trade is showing strong growth, perhaps sympathetic with bright prospects for a magnificent fruit crop.

The shade trees which were broken off along the walk leading to Forest Cemetery last Fall have been replaced with new ones this week. Mr. E. S. Jones who took so much interest in the work two years ago, superintended the job, and it required 35 trees to replace those damaged by some person or persons, who to-day should be in the workhouse serving time for the offence.

An exchange says that onions will drive ants away. We believe it. And they'll drive uncles away, and cousins also. In fact, absorbed in sufficient quantity they'll send all your relations scurrying for the outer air.

Peach trees, 7-16 inch, or No. 1, at 3 cts. each; ½ inch, or medium size, at 2½ cts. each; and ⅜ to ½ inch, or No. 2, at 1½ cts. each. Also Pear, Apple, Plum and Cherry trees. Elberta alone one cent each higher. All trees guaranteed. These trees kept dormant for planting safely as late as May 15th, if not sold earlier.
R. S. JOHNSTON.
Box 109, Stockley, Del.

From present indications there will be but few canneries in operation in Kent county, Md., during the coming season. Farmers throughout that section declare that it is impossible for them to raise tomatoes at a profit at $5 per ton, and as the canners do not offer anything better, the trouble rests there. Unless some agreement can be reached between the growers and canners, it is likely that the tomato crop will be a very short one.

Easter is on its way, and if you are going to get a suit or a shirt waist suit, either in Silk, Voile or Mohair, or a pretty spring Covert Jacket, a separate skirt or Silk waist, come and see our samples as we are selling them as fast as we can get them from the manufactory, and if you are ready to clean house we can help you make your home pretty with some of our New Mattings, Rugs, Pictures, Window Shades or anything in the furniture line, adjoining National Hotel.
A. FOGEL.

The Easter hat this year is to be something entirely new, and it will have much to do with creating the type of Easter girl. For many years past Easter Sunday has come so early in the season that a hat of straw and flowers has seemed distinctly incongruous. This year the Easter hat will be suitable to the season. It will be a varied hat as to its shape, and in its size will strike a happy medium. The brims of the majority of the new hats flare in the most astonishing of ways. They not only turn up in front and at the sides, but in the back.

The Weather Man has given the people of this vicinity all kinds of weather the past week. Saturday morning it was so cold that ice formed, while Monday and Tuesday the thermometer registered in the eighties. The buds were hardly advanced enough last week to be hurt by the frost and ice, but this week the foliage is coming out rapidly and many trees are in blossom. Monday evening a severe thunder storm passed over this vicinity with heavy rains. The lightning flashes were vivid but no harm was done outside of putting a few phones and electric light lines out of service.

The lecture of Rev. Anna Shaw in the Opera House on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., on the subject "The New Man," was one of the best entertainments that has been given in this town for many years. Miss Shaw spoke for over an hour, and gave the large audience present a delightful intellectual treat. Her effort Thursday night proved her to be a woman of high intellectual attainments, and a master of wit. Her sarcasms were greeted with ripples of laughter, which were followed by delightful applause, while her views of the solution of the sex problem found sympathy in the hearts of all who heard her. Miss Mary Roberts, of Smyrna, added much enjoyment to the evening's program by rendering two very beautiful vocal solos, and a chorus composed of members of the local churches, rendered several fine selections.

CHURCH NOTES

The First Quarterly Conference of Bethel and Summit Churches will be held in Bethel Church this (Saturday) afternoon at 3 o'clock, P. M. Preaching tomorrow at 10.30 o'clock A. M. by Dr. Alphens S. Mowbray.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Glorifying God in our recreations." Psa. 16:5-11; 1 Cor. 10:31. J. A. Suydam, leader.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Glorifying God in our recreations." 1 Cor. 10:31; Psa. 16:4-11. Miss May Holten, leader.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered in Drawyer's Presbyterian Church, Odessa, on Easter morning. This service will be preceded by special services Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, and the following ministers will participate: Wednesday, Rev. Joseph Brown Turner; Thursday, Rev. Elliott Fields; Friday, Rev. F. W. D. Lewis. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

The election of officers for the present Conference year at Summit M. E. Sunday School last Sabbath resulted as follows: Superintendent, William C. Carnagy; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. H. C. Salmon; Secretary, Miss Flora Cavender; Treasurer, Mrs. Washington Barrow; Organist, Miss Belle Carnagy; Assistant Organist, Mrs. Hattie Downes; Librarian, Mrs. Boyd McCoy; President, of Missionary Society. Mrs. Thomas McCoy; Treasurer, of Missionary Society, Mrs. Joseph Cavender. Mrs. Hattie Downes was elected delegate to the State Sunday School Convention, to be held in Newark, April 20th and 21st. Mrs. H. C. Salmon, Alternate.

THORN RESPITED

DOVER, DEL., April 13th.—The danger of hanging an innocent man brought the Delaware State Board of Pardons together to-day in special session and kept them all day in secret session at the State House. The case of Charles Thorn, otherwise known as John Boozer, convicted of the murder of George D. Farra, a prosperous farmer of near Wilmington, December 17th, 1897, has been continually before the board since his conviction by a New Castle County jury last fall and subsequent sentence to be put to death. A commutation of the sentence resulted, but his time was up to-morrow and the gallows was erected to-day for his execution. The pardon board recommended a reprieve, which was granted by Governor Lea until October 13th.

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DEATHS OF THE WEEK

Two of Middletown's Oldest Citizens Pass Away---Fatal Shooting Accident

WILLIAM SCOTT

William Scott, one of Middletown's oldest citizens died at his home on North Broad street on Saturday morning, after an illness of several months.

He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Scott, and was born in 1824. In early life he married Miss Angeline Lattomus, of Odessa, and lived on a farm until 1870, when they removed to Middletown. He is survived by a widow and six children, the latter being William A. Scott, of Townsend, a member of the Levy Court; Thomas P. Scott, of Lewes; L. Clarence Scott, Mrs. Margaret A. Smith, Mrs. Katharine Massey and Miss Lily M. Scott, of Middletown. Nine grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive.

Funeral services were held at his late residence on North Broad street, at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Dr. L. E. Barrett, of Dover, officiating, assisted by Dr. A. W. Lightbourne, pastor of Bethesda M. E. Church, and Rev. J. W. Jones, of Townsend. Dr. C. T. Wyatt was expected to be present, but was prevented by a funeral at the same hour in Wilmington. The funeral was largely attended, many strangers from a distance being present. Interment was made in Forest Cemetery, the pall-bearers being Messrs. Geo. D. Kelley, J. S. Crouch, N. J. Williams, J. F. McWhorter, Charles P. Cochran and J. W. Barnett.

ROBERT HENRY FOSTER

After an illness of several months, Robert Henry Foster, one of Middletown's oldest residents, died at his home on East Main street at 10 o'clock Tuesday night, aged 84 years. Bright's disease was the cause of his death.

He was a member of Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., and took an active part in the Lodge affairs. His funeral took place Friday morning, at 10.30 o'clock, services being held in the M. E. Church; interment in the cemetery adjoining the church. Good Samaritan Lodge, I. O. O. F., attended in a body.

The services were conducted by the Rev. A. W. Lightbourne, Ph. D., and the following gentlemen were the pall bearers: Messrs. S. E. Lewis, W. T. Connellee, J. M. Foster, W. D. King, G. S. Hopkins and Alex. Metten.

FRANK MAULL

On Tuesday afternoon of this week, a sad and fatal shooting happened by the accidental explosion of a cartridge in a pistol in the hands of Ephraim Jolls, of Middletown. Ephraim is a little fellow about thirteen years of age, and is the son of Joseph C. Jolls, Esq., Register of the Court of Chancery. At the time of the accident, he, in company with Frank Maull, another little fellow about the same age, was playing with the pistol around the block house at "Frogtown Crossing," on the Delaware Railroad, about one mile north of Middletown. While the flagman was outside flagging a train, the two boys entered the block house, and while toying with the pistol it went off, sending a bullet through the brain of Frank Maull, inflicting a wound of which he died a few hours later. The testimony presented to the Coroner's Jury showed that the boys were in best of good humor and boyish fellowship, and that the shooting was entirely an accident.

Much sympathy is felt for the parents of the lad, whose life was so suddenly snuffed out; but it is doubted that their pain be less than the parents of the other boy. Ephriam is an unusually good natured little fellow, and a general favorite among his playfellows. After the accident occurred, he ran to his mother in frantic distress over the death of his companion. What the pain to the mind of a sensative child must be over an occurrence of this kind, is hard to estimate. Such a one is more probably the object of sympathy rather than a subject for reproof.

Coroner Purks came down Wednesday morning and the following jury was empanelled and met in A. G. Cox's office: J. F. McWhorter, foreman J. A. Suydam, Secretary; W. H. Johnson, E. S. Jones, T. S. Fouracre, W. S. Letherbury, S. E. Massey, W. B. Kates and J. C. Alston. After hearing the evidence the following verdict was rendered:

"We, the jury do find from the evidence in the case that Frank Maull, of Middletown, came to his death in the "Flagman's box at Frogtown crossing, on the Delaware R. R., on April 11th, 1905, from a pistol shot wound at the hands of Ephraim Jolls, and we do further find that the shooting was purely accidental, and we do hereby exonerate the said Ephraim Jolls from any intention to commit said act."

The remains were buried in Forest Cemetery Friday afternoon, funeral services being held at his parents' residence, on Lockwood street, at 2 o'clock.

DETECTIVE RATLEDGE SUED

Robert P. Small of Milford, formerly a private detective, Thursday morning entered suit in Superior Court, to recover damages from State Detective James P. Ratledge, for his alleged alienation of the affections of Mrs. Small. L. Irving Handy is counsel for Small, who came from Charleston, S. C., to enter the legal proceedings. Although the bill for particulars was not filed by Small Thursday he alleged in a verbal statement that Detective Ratledge had induced Mrs. Small to leave Milford and live in Wilmington with her daughter Virginia aged 15 years.

Before taking legal action Small complained to Governor Lea and Attorney-General Richard for the alleged action of Detective Ratledge in breaking up his home. Small will ask for $10,000 damages. Small and Ratledge have been friends for several years and Small assisted the state detective in several cases down the state. Mrs. Small has been recently has been living at No. 2315 Pine street, Wilmington.

REDUCED RATES TO PACIFIC COAST

On account of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, at Portland, Ore., June 1st to October 15th, and various conventions to be held in cities on the Pacific Coast during the Summer, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets on specified dates, from all stations on its lines, to San Francisco and Los Angeles, April 9th to September 27th; to Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Victoria, Vancouver, and San Diego, May 22nd to September 27th, at *greatly reduced rates*.

For *dates of sale* and specific information concerning rates and routes, consult nearest ticket agent.

TOWNSEND

J. Z. Staats visited Philadelphia recently.

Garret Othoson, of St. Georges, was in town Sunday.

Miss Ethelyn Maloney, of Dover, spent Sunday at home

Gilbert Taylor, of Wilmington, visited friends near town this week.

W. A. Lynam and sister Alma spent Sunday with Cecilton friends.

Everett Short, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Joseph H. Jones.

Raymond Walbert, of Chestertown, Md., was a visitor in town over Sunday.

Miss Nora Everett, of Cheswold, was the guest of Mrs. Bayard Schwatka over Sunday.

Mrs. David Allen, of Middletown, spent Monday with her mother, Mrs. Jane Wilson.

Clarence Pritchard, of Philadelphia, visited his parents, Mrs. I. P. Pritchard, over Sunday.

Mrs. Eugene Savin and son visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Love, near Blackbird, Sunday.

Mrs. Clarence Brockson and son, of Wilmington, spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Lottie Brockson.

Sereck Wilson, of Westminster, Md., was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Jane Wilson, several days this week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Collins, of Wilmington, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Townsend, a few days this week.

B. G. Lockerman who has been employed in weighing mail at the Wilmington depot has been home sick since Friday of last week.

Mr. Benjamin Edwards and family have removed from Townsend to Philadelphia, where Mr. Edwards secured employment about two months ago.

Isaac R. Staats

Isaac R. Staats died at his home in Townsend last Monday night, after an illness of several months. The funeral services were held at his former home on Thursday at 10 o'clock A. M.; interment was made at the cemetery of Friendship M. E. Church. Mr. Staats was in his 66th year, and was one of the best-known citizens in the lower part of the county. He was born in Thoroughfare Neck and spent most of his life in that locality. He was a prominent member of Friendship M. E. Church and a most estimable citizen. Mr. Staats leaves a widow, four sons, and one daughter, children of his first wife.

Mrs. Mary E. Maloney

Mrs. Mary E., wife of Thomas Maloney, suddenly passed away on Friday morning, April 7th. Mrs. Maloney had been a great sufferer from valvular heart trouble for six years, but by the constant attendence of her family and physician her life had been prolonged. She was apparently much improved in health and was able to go about and attend to some light home duties. The news of her sudden death was a great shock to our town and community. She was fifty-seven years of age; has been a member of the M. E. Church for many years, and was an earnest christian, a devoted wife and mother, and by her sterling qualities had made for herself hosts of sincere friends. To know her was to love her. She leaves three daughters: Mrs. M. Jacobs, of Millington, Md.; Mrs. Harvey Daniels, of Wilmington, and Miss Ella Maloney, of Townsend.

WASHINGTON

April 24 is the date on which will be run the next Personally-Conducted Tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad to Washington. This tour will cover a period of three days, affording ample time to visit all the principal points of interest at the National Capital, including the Congressional Library and the new Corcoran Art Gallery. Rate, covering railroad transportation for the round trip and hotel accommodations, $13.00 or $10.50 from Trenton, and proportionate rates from other points, according to hotel selected. Rates cover accommodations at hotel for two days. Special side trip to Mount Vernon.

All tickets good for ten days, with special hotel rates after expiration of hotel coupon.

A similar tour will be run on May 18.

For itineraries and full information apply to Ticket Agents; or address Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Dora Evans has returned from a visit in Wilmington.

Mrs. David Allen was in Wilmington several days this week.

Mrs. Marcellus Jones, of Ridley Park, is the guest of Mrs. James Hoffecker.

Mrs. Abram Hayden and son are spending sometime with Wilmington relatives.

Miss Mary Johnson, of Newark, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Beasten.

Mrs. Josephine High, of Washington, D. C., spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. W. A. Comegys.

Mr. Joseph Comegys, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Comegys.

Mr. Charles Jones, of New York City, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Jones, over Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Clark, of Frederica, was the guest of her husband at the Middletown Hotel over Sunday.

Miss Jennie Bendler and Mr. Edward Yearsley, of Port Penn, spent Sunday with Miss Lillye A. Carty.

Miss Eva Whitlock, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Whitlock.

Misses Dora and Jessie Culbertson and Miss Clements, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shepherd.

Mrs. Horace Veasey and two children, of Centreville, Md., are guests of her sisters, Mrs. Harry Gears and Mrs. William Ahern.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Major have issued invitations to the marriage of their niece, Bessie Dilks Major, to Dr. Alexander Hardcastle Reynolds. The ceremony will take place at the New Tabernacle Baptist Church, Fortieth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia, on Thursday evening, April 27th.

THE NEW CASTLE PRESBYTERY

Where the Visitors Will Be Entertained While in St. Georges

The seventieth stated meeting of the New Castle Presbytery will be held in St. Georges Presbyterian Church on April 18th. The Session will open at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon, with prayer followed by roll call and the election of officers. Divine worship with sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. W. J. Rowan, Ph. D., at 7.30 P. M.

Those attending the Presbytery will be entertained as follows:

Rev. J. R. Milligan—Rev. T. A. McCurdy, D. D., J. B. North, LL. D.
Theodore F. Clark—Revs. W. F. Dickens-Lewis, J. E. Franklin, W. H. Logan.
J. C. Stuckert—Revs. Henry Rumer, D. D., W. J. Rowan, Ph. D., F. H. Moore.
William Janvier—Rev. J. S. Gilfillan, Elder Jos. A. Matthews.
Miss Anna Stewart—Rev. J. L. Estlin, D. D., Elder George W. Taylor.
J. H. S. Gam—Rev. R. A. Elwood, Elder W. H. Oliver.
John Nelson—Rev. Boudinot Seeley, Jr., Elder Nathaniel Pipins.
AlbertSutton—Rev Samuel Polk, Elders S. T. Wiley, J. S. Price.
Mrs. McCoy—Ex-Gov. Ebe W. Tunnell, Revs. C. Morton Sciple, J. J. Buck.
Richard T. Cann—Rev. J. McElmoyle, Elder Charles B. Finley.
Mrs. Howard Gray—Rev. R. H. Hoover, Elder Joseph P. Wright.
William Cox—Rev. Charles D. Stevens, Elders J. F. McCoy, M. M. Stevenson.
John W. Carrow, Jr.—Rev. John D. Blake, Elders J. M. Shakespear, E. B. Frazier.
Miss Mary Pool—Rev. W. H. Bancroft, Elder John N. Henman.
Theodore Jones—Elders E. S. Polk, R. A. Duhamel.
Clarence Pool—Revs. D. E. Shaw, B. Frank Davis, Elder William McMullin, Jr.
Mrs. Montgomery Gray—Rev. A. C. Jamison, Elder C. S. Dale.
J. W. DeWitt, M. D.—Rev. S. W. Reigart, D. D., Elder M. D. Crossan.
Clayton Riley—Revs. W. T. M. Beale, Elliot Field, H. W. Miller.
Miss Linda Clark—Rev. T. Chalmers Potter, D. D., Elder W. J. Stroud.
Miss Barnett—Elder J. M. Smyth.
John H. Lister—Elder A. J. Benjamin, David Stewart, M. D.
Harry V. Buckson—Rev. S. M. Perry, Elder Frederick McIntire.
Mrs. Fritts—Rev. S. Beatlie Wylie.
Mrs. George T. Hill—Elder Lawrence Hobson.

Entertainment at the Church will be provided for the following:

Ministers, Frank E. Williams, R. L. Hallett, G A. Foote, Elders D. W. Corbit, W. A. Jester.

RICHARDSON STATE CHAMPION

Member of Dover Gun Club Wins the Trophy at Tournament

A. B. Richardson, a member of the Dover Gun Club, Thursday won the silver loving cup emblematic of the state championship at targets in the tournament of the Delaware Trap Shooters' League held in Wilmington. His score at one hundred targets was 93, and so keen was the interest and so great the rivalry that even the experts present had to take a back seat.

The trophy emblematic of the team championship of Delaware was captured by No. 1 team of the Wawaset Gun Club of Wilmington. This was a five-man team race, 50 targets per man, and the score was 221 out of a possible 250. Rivalry in this race was fully as great if not greater than in the individual championship race.

Ten teams participated in the other championship race and the clubs represented were Wawaset, Wilmington, Dover, Blue Ball, Middletown and Claymont. The result:

Wawaset No. 1—Foord, 45; McKelvey, 46; Buckmaster, 45; Edmonson, 45; Graham, 41; total, 221.

Dover—Richardson, 44; Reed, 35; Terry, 45; Evans, 44; Kirk, 30; total, 198.

Wawaset No. 3—Martin, 43; Conog, 26; Rutter, 42; Buckmaster, 37; Bead, 37; total, 187.

Wawaset No. 2—Miller, 39; Robinson, 42; Dr. Buck, 42; Tuchson, 28; Melchoir, 35; total, 186.

Blue Ball—J. Ball, 40; L. Evans, 32; N. Grubb, 40; C. H. Simon, 39; S. P. Ewing, 34; total, 185.

Wilmington No. 2—S. Kendell, 33; Hahn, 31; G. Simon, 45; Hartlove, 36; G. Godwin, 32; total, 177.

Middletown—Duryea, 33; Barnard, 33; Massey, 38; Pool, 33; E. Massey, 35; total, 172.

Wilmington No. 1—Burroughs, 26; Springer, 37; McHugh, 35; E. Simons, 32; A. H. Lobb, 32; total, 162.

Claymont—W. Bird, 31; Casey, 17; Hahn, 35; Husbands, 33; E. Grubb, 32; total, 148.

Blue Ball No. 2—Potter, 28; H. Ewing, 31; Chaxelle, 35; W. Potter, 36; Kuhn, 22; total, 152.

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No. 2	1.02	Yellow, shelled	50
Timothy Seed	$2.65	" cob	50
Clover Seed lb	10½c	Oats	54

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	14@16
Country Butter, per lb	30
Creamery Butter, per lb	37
Lard, per lb	8@10
Live Chickens, per lb	12@16
Potatoes, per basket	25@35

FOR SALE

New Era Cow Peas	$1.75	Bushel
Whippoorwill "	1.75	"
Clay "	1.75	"
Mixed "	1.65	"
Black "	2.00	"
Crimson Clover Seed	5.50	"

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April 15th.

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BY PHIL ALISANDER

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

"I can't say that I do! It is only half-past five o'clock now. We have been here only a quarter of an hour."

"Oh!" she said, beginning to walk about.

He noticed that she trod with a springing step, and his eyes followed her progress idly.

"What a dear old room!" she said presently, as if talking to herself. "No cheap and modern gimcracks—just wainscot walls and settles, and good hunting prints, and a ceiling that I could touch!" She stretched her arm towards the oak beams, and laughed as she reached them.

"Ah, here is the coffee!" she said, and came back and sat down on the far side of the fire.

John had not found her a communicative companion despite the thawing tendencies of this great genial fire; and somehow he regretted it. He would have liked to find out why she had elected to follow the walk in life which she had done, who were her parents, what were her ambitions. But she drank her coffee without speaking, set her cup down, and, after a few moment, said—

"If it were not that it would entail more trouble in the end, I should suggest my sleeping here to-night. You could then drive straight to the Vicarage, and get there in time for your dinner party; but it might mean sending for me to-morrow, and the roads will be worse to-morrow."

It was a new experience to John to be dictated to by a woman, and he was diverted by the novelty of it.

"Yes—the roads will be worse to-morrow," he assented.

She began to walk about again, and, as she passed him, her dress brushed his arm.

"How wet you are!" he said involuntarily. "It is cruel weather to be out in. This fire tempts one to procrastination."

She looked at him with a little contempt under her lashes; and the language of her eyes was so unmistakable that he laughed involuntarily.

"Come," he said, when he had lit the pipe which she had told him she did not object to—"come, confess you think that I am a very unfit person to rough it?"

"Your words implied it," she said.

He laughed again—this time with keen appreciation of the situation.

"Ah, well," he said, still laughing, "appearances are the most deceptive things in the world. I dare say the cut of my coat makes me appear an unmitigated idler"—she smiled—"and many people in the world are judged by trifles no more important than that. Some people, for instance, might conclude that, because you have small hands, you are therefore unfitted for your calling. It would be quite absurd of course. But then there are so many absurd people in the world."

"There are," she said quietly, but a rosy flush spread over her cheeks.

"The great thing is, not to bother one's-self overmuch if one is misjudged," he pursued thoughtfully between the smoke-curls.

"Hard words break no bones," she responded lightly, throwing off his sympathy unconsciously.

"But they have some power to break one's spirit," he said steadily. "Ah, here is Mrs. Merrivale!"

The good creature came forward smiling briskly.

"Spitfire seems more herself again, Mr. Jack," she said, "and the master's back, and Queen Bess quite fit to take you on to Cranleigh; and I remembered what praise you always had for our cherry-brandy, and thought as nothing would keep the cold out better for you and the young lady than this, so just take it straight off." And she poured out a small glass for each of them, heedless of their expostulations.

Mr. Jack shook her by the hand as he set the glass down.

"Well, Susan, I am indebted to you for still another bit of kindness. And, when I come back from Africa, bullet-riddled and disabled, I shall ask nothing better than just to be allowed to creep over to Dalstone Farm sometimes, to sit in your kitchen and drink your coffee."

"Hear him!" cried the farmer's wife, laughing. "Him as will come back to us with a star on his coat, and letters after his name, and colors flying! Yes you may shake your head and say, 'No, no'; but we"—glancing archly at Miss Earle—"know better—don't we, miss?"

The humor of the situation appealed to Christian Earle and bridged an awkward moment. She merely met Mrs. Merrival's eyes very frankly and merrily, and gave a laugh of pure delight.

John Moncrieff recognized that she had met the awkwardness with the perfect self-possession of one on a higher footing than the worthy speaker and again he felt surprised. His intercourse with this stranger was not proving such an irksome thing as he had anticipated.

The lusty shout of Farmer Merrivale sounded through the hall.

"Come—come!" he said in cheerful remonstrance. "I daresay I do interrupt a pleasant enough time, but Queen Bess ain't a miracle. She'll have a bit of fighting before she gets you to Cranleigh, I'll lay a wager. The misses said something about a dinner party, Mr. John. If you don't take care, it'll be a supper party, I'm thinking. Does the young lady mean to venture?"

He fixed his bright blue eyes on the girl as he spoke, and then turned them on John Moncrieff, as though the decision lay with him.

"I think so," Moncrieff answered,

Mrs. Merrivale was helping Miss Earle into her cloak.

"Why, of course, Dick," the good woman said meaningly.

Moncrieff could not forbear a rapid glance in his companion's direction and he caught a rosy smile which was being straightened out of her firm lips. He found it comical rather than otherwise that their lots—meeting thus for a brief half-hour in a life-time—should straightway be tied together by Susan's blundering fingers.

"Shall we go?" he said.

"I am quite ready," she answered.

"And you'll remember, dearie, what I said," insisted Susan as she followed them to the door—"a hot bath and a good rub down before a bit of food crosses your lips. Sweets and rich stuffs ain't of no sort of use to keep off the shivers. There—are those rugs quite enough? And we won't forget Spitfire's supper, Mr. John. Good bye!"

The great horse plunged into the darkness and Susan Merrival's parting adjurations were caught up and hurled away on the wind.

For the first time the madness of the storm appalled Christian Earle. She had been battling with icy coldness for ten long hours, except for the brief interval of warmth which she had spent at Dalstone Farm. Would her strength last out?

The stinging of the blizzard on her face, the noise of the elements in her ears benumbed her. All of a sudden she fell forward, but the jerk startled her into full and absolute command of her faculties. With a supreme effort at self-control, she grasped the edge of the cart and defied physical exhaustion.

The action had not escaped Moncrieff.

"Hold on to my arm!" he shouted to her. "It is plain sailing here—you can't impede me!"

She shook her head, and they went on in the darkness. Ten minutes later a curve in the road brought them into shelter, and they saw the ruddy lights of Cranleigh Moss twinkling fitfully between the veil of snowflakes.

He turned and leaned towards her.

"We are here at last!" he said.

He brought Queen Bess to a standstill in front of a straight yew hedge.

"This is the schoolhouse," he said.

He saw that the place was in total darkness; but she was past much observation. He sprang down with a feeling of angry resentment against the wanton neglect of Mrs. Gubbidge, and kicked a path in the drifted snow.

"Now," he said, coming back from his task and holding out his arms—"jump!"

She was too tired to parley with him, and she did as he told her at once. The next moment he had set her down on the doorstep.

"The next thing is to get inside," he said in his brief business-like fashion; and so weary was she that she watched him with a dazed indifference as he tried the window-fastenings. The clatter of glass roused her numbed faculties.

"What is it?" she asked.

But no one answered her. John Moncrieff had broken a window-pane, pushed his hand into the aperture, unfastened the latch from within, and climbed into the house. A few seconds later Christian Earle was vaguely aware that the door had opened, that she had groped along a dark passage, and was standing in a cold room. A clock was ticking very noisily in the stillness; and she laughed suddenly with a catch in her voice.

"At least the clock is going!" she said.

"Yes," John acquiesced shortly; to him it seemed a strident superfluity in the silent place.

He struck a light, and, finding two candles on the mantelpiece, set them down on the table. They shone bravely in the little parlor and showed it to be scrupulously clean with a meal laid neatly on the table, and a fire ready laid in the bright grate.

"So I am expected!" she said.

"Oh, yes!" he answered. "There has been plenty of thought expended on your arrival up till this afternoon. It's a pity it didn't manage to hold out against the storm!"

He bent down as he spoke and put a match to the sticks, and the flames soon leapt up gloriously.

"That looks more homelike!" he commented cheerfully. He took out his watch. "Seven o'clock! I must go, I am afraid. It is another mile to the Vicarage."

He looked hastily around, as if to make sure that he had left nothing undone that he could do, and then he came and stood opposite to her.

"I am sorry," he said, "that Mrs. Merrivale's prescription isn't available; but you have shown yourself a woman of so much good sense that I know that I can go away feeling assured that you won't do anything so stupid as to cry yourself to sleep supperless. See—there is tea in this caddy! How does it strike you to offer a cup to the person who has conveyed you through so troublesome a journey?"

She pushed the heavy hair off her brow, and smiled slowly. Then she took off her cloak, and looked at the hob.

"There is a kettle, but no water," she said.

"Give it to me," he said, and presently he returned with it filled.

Her interest began to awake again.

"Ought you to stay? Men take so long tying their ties—don't they?"

"I have accomplished too many hasty toilets to need very long," he answered, and he sat down by the fire.

The tea-drinking had been merely a subterfuge to dispel her lassitude. Nevertheless, he stayed till the kettle boiled, and drank the cup which she poured out for him. He then put on his coat again.

"What a fine mess we have made for Mrs. Gubbidge with our snow-drippings! I wonder where she keeps the brushes?"

He made this an excuse for looking into one or two cupboards; but in reality he wanted to assure himself that bread and food were there.

"Now, good night! Why not boil up a tubful or two of water and get to bed at once?"

She looked up at him suddenly.

"You have been very kind to me!" she said.

"What else could I have been?" he said cheerily, holding out his hand. "Good night!"

He took up his hat, strode down the narrow path, and, untying Queen Bess from her shelter by the gate, drove away in the darkness.

CHAPTER IV

"If I were a fool I should cry," Christian Earle said to herself when John was gone. "As it is, I will show myself superior to myself, and eat a good supper."

It was a somewhat different meal from that to which half a dozen guests were about to sit down at the Vicarage. The fragrance of its combined dainties assailed John Moncrieff as he made his way quietly to his room. He might yet escape a fussing by the skin of his teeth if he used precaution and haste. It was not eight o'clock, and the guests were still in the drawing-room.

He had reached the top of the stairs when something in white shone on the landing above him. He looked up. No one but Veronica had those eyes. The girl stood still.

"You!" she cried, holding out her small hand. "You really have come back! You don't know what a lot of emotion we have been spending upon you! May I tell your mother that you are here? They sent me for my songs to solace them—till you came."

"Tell them by all means, Veronica. We will compare our experiences over dinner."

And Veronica went her way.

Somehow, she did not look so winsome and elfish now that her soft flying hair was bound up in coils, John decided, as he went on to his room. But he found her very amusing at dinner. She told him of the vicissitudes of their drive with piquant charm, and proved herself a very captivating ingenuous "sweet seventeen." The whole table, in spite of a few empty places, was in a glow of interested complacency. The hero of the night had returned, and every one was prepared to make the most of him. John himself responded to the geniality delightfully, and contributed just the measure of success to the evening that his mother had reckoned upon.

Therefore, when Betty Foster rustled across the drawing-room afterwards and offered him a penny for his thoughts, and for his dinner thoughts too, he looked down at her in amused surprise.

"Thoughts!" he said. "Didn't I give you words enough?"

"You were eloquence itself," she said, settling her pink skirts comfortably on the sofa beside him; "but there were pauses—big pauses—when I thought that you had the cares of a nation or a school mistress on your shoulders, and couldn't or wouldn't think of anything else. Now you had, hadn't you? You were picturing the cold comforts of that poor friendless soul down at the Cottage, her frugal meal and her few personal gifts, and comparing her with us—us"—she laughed, dimpling merrily—"who have so many of life's good things—frocks and carriages and food and—yes, faces! Is she much plainer than Miss Smith?"

"Not much," he said. "You are quite a little witch, Miss Foster."

"Am I?" she said delightedly. "Then she is plain. I felt sure that she was. The instructress of youth is nearly always plain, poor thing! And I don't wonder. I should have lines on my forehead as deep as a ploughed furrow if I taught troublesome infants for a week and a day; at the end of a month I should be bald, and in a year palsied. It does seem odd," she added in soliloquy, "how smooth things are for some women and how rough for others."

"It does," he acquiesced.

"And somehow it is stupid of me, but I always feel desperately sorry for those who don't have the good times—the Worth frocks and the Redfern coats, and Tantrums and Tantivvys, and the rides across country."

"I don't see where the stupidity comes in for being sorry," he answered. "Sympathy is the finest gem in a woman's adornment."

Betty laughed her gay laugh.

"That shows that you are hopelessly old-fashioned," she said. "Let's go to-morrow and demonstrate these 'shining' propensities of ours—you have them as well as I, I know you have—by visiting Miss Earle and finding out if she had a fire or a crust to solace herself with to-night, and telling her we are sorry for the cold welcome Cranleigh Moss has given her."

"Yes," said John Moncrieff gravely—"we will find out to-morrow."

But on the morrow he had other things to do, for, during the talkative breakfast, a telegram was brought to him.

"I know what that means," said Betty Foster at once.

Mrs. Moncrieff's smiling face clouded.

"Oh, John, it isn't—"

"I am afraid it is," he answered. "I must get to town by hook or by crook before midnight. The editor has changed his plans."

Three hours later therefore he was gone, and at noon Betty was kissing and comforting the weeping stepmother, as she sank into a chair after the final adieux.

"I can't think why men want to run off into danger and horrid bloodshed and gunpowder," she sobbed, "when they might be safe and happy at home."

"Enterprize, my dear friend," said Miss Foster wisely, "and the love of adventure and ambition too, I expect. Don't let us be sorry over what is pleasure and advantage to him. We shall soon have him safe home again covered with all sorts of glory. Why not go down to the Cottage now before tea and see if the girl whom he piloted through the storm yesterday is all right? It would be a bit of humanity."

"The roads are impassable," expostulated the Vicar's wife.

"Are they, Reg?" asked Miss Foster of the younger son, who entered the room at that moment.

"They are as dry as a swept hearth as far as the green; the snow-plough has been at work all the morning."

"I should be frozen to death."

"Come with me then, Betty," Reg suggested. "One gets sick of life when one can't stretch one's legs."

Miss Foster acquiesced readily, and, leaving Mrs. Moncrieff to read the most sentimental story which she could lay her hands upon, she and Reginald set off for the Cottage.

"I won't keep you long," Betty said as they reached the green. "I felt that I must just run down and see how the forlorn alien is getting along. You remember I always had a penchant for the homely and unfortunate. I have sat up many a night with a sick dog, or a worthless little mongrel, or an owl which somebody shot the leg off."

"I was a vile shot then, but please to recollect that I was only twelve, Miss Betty," he said. "If you don't object, I think that I will come in and see how unfortunate your latest *protegee* is."

So they went up the path together—the girl with her rich furs and glowing color, and the tall young man who held his handsome head high and laughed so often and so gaily. And when Christian Earle saw them coming a faint color rose suddenly in her pale face.

"Who are they?" she asked herself. "Why have they come? Is it the fashion in remote villages to count the schoolmistress among one's calling acquaintances? I hope from my heart that it isn't. I have not come here to make friends." And the laugh that followed had more than a trace of bitterness in it.

Then she straightened her white cuffs involuntarily, and went to open the door. She was nervous and gave her visitors a cold welcome, but Betty Foster was equal to a hundred cold shoulders.

It was she who did all the talking during the quarter of an hour which the visit lasted. She put a string of questions as to board, fire, and bed, and hoped that the new schoolmistress would be happy and not disappointed in so dull a place as Cranleigh. Reg sat by her side and employed his eyes more than his tongue. Both of them did their utmost to be agreeable, and both half expected that the schoolmistress would show a little regret when they stood up to say good bye. But Miss Earle merely gave a grave little bow, and wished them good afternoon calmly.

When the pair had got beyond the yew-hedge they stood still.

"Well!" said Miss Betty emphatically.

"What on earth is she here for?" said Reg; and then he added slyly, "Are you going to reckon her among your unfortunates, Bet?"

Betty gave an odd little laugh; and as she tramped back at his side she speculated what John Moncrieff and the strange girl had talked about as they had driven together through that bitter night. But Miss Foster was a very busy little person with a hundred hobbies and fads, and the visit to the Cottage soon faded from her mind. She had a big house to manage for her father five miles away from Cranleigh, and such a person as Miss Earle naturally did not cross her path.

It was just a month later, when the trees were trying to forget the cruel frost and to push out shy leaves against the pale blue sky, that the fact of Christian Earle's existence was brought to her notice again.

She had driven her ponies into Cranleigh forge to have a loose shoe rectified, and, while waiting for the needed repair, had set off for a brisk walk towards the Moss—a sedge-hung pond on the borders of the village where the first primroses peeped out.

As she neared the stile which led to the pond, she saw two figures coming along the smooth greensward; they were looking towards the water, whence a startled wild duck flew upwards noisily.

Both walked with a light and springing tread, both were tall, one of them was a man and the other a woman. Betty saw them plainly; they were Reginald Moncrieff and the schoolmistress.

Betty drew back rapidly from the stile. They were evidently quite engrossed and there was time to escape. Acting on the impulse of the moment, she ran for the bend of the lane. When she was sheltered by the curve of the road, she stood still with her hand at her side and frowned.

"I wish that I knew what it meant. I hope to goodness that Reg isn't playing the fool! Or is it the girl? Reg is a splendid fellow when he has got John to guide him, otherwise—— Bother Reg! He is an idiot!"

She delivered that opinion in her usual decisive manner, and then walked quickly back to the forge. She ordered about the blacksmith and his son and his wife for the space of five minutes, and then sprang into her seat and whirled away home. As she passed the schoolhouse she glanced involuntarily at its ivy-covered walls, but hastily turned her gaze elsewhere.

Some one was standing on the door-step—a tall and finely-built man with a florid face and keen black eyes. He was a person whom Miss Foster only acknowledged if there was no possibility of finding anything else to look at.

"So Saturday is Miss Earle's off-day," said Betty, setting her lips, "and she keeps two strings to her bow! I don't wonder at her liking Reg. But Parsons! Ugh! I shiver when I have to shake hands with him. Dear me, it is funny—really funny!"

Probably if Miss Foster had possessed as indiscreet a tongue as many of her sex she would have carried this tit-bit of news from tea table to tea table in the course of the week, but she was neither malicious nor scandal-loving, and thought it as well to keep the incident to herself. She would pump Reg on a convenient occasion, and find out how much or how little the walk by the Moss meant.

She rather wished that the convenient occasion would occur soon, for she took a warmer interest in the light-hearted young man at the Vicarage than she choose to acknowledge. But just at this time an aunt in Park Lane fell ill, and Betty was sent for to nurse her, so that she had no leisure in which to consider the welfare of Reg, and Reg went his own way placidly.

He generally managed to do what he wished undisturbed, and so he laughed lightly when he made up his mind to go to the Cottage a second time—to lend a book was his excuse—and decided that he was acting a very unselfish, generous, and considerate part. It was quite evident that the girl was above her position, and that she was lonely, and also that her taste in books was cultivated. What nobler or more kindly act therefore could this young man perform than to constitute himself her friend, and to educate her literary leanings?

It was a mild March twilight when he walked up the path to the pretty building standing upon the green, and saw the firelight twinkling through the lattice-panes. He felt an element of pleasurable novelty in the circumstances of this visit as he waited in the porch. How would she look? What would she say? Would she accept the book with gratitude, or would she tell him that she had read it, and fix her large calm eyes softly on him as she rejected his offer?

Then he awoke to the fact that she was standing in front of him with an inscrutable smile on her lips.

"Well?" she said.

He recovered his *savior faire* instantly and laughed.

"I have brought you a book. Sunday must be such a long day without a library to dip into! Do you care to read it?"

"Thank you," she said quietly—she took the volume from him, and glanced at its title—"thank you."

Then a great bunch of violets in the room behind her caught his eye.

"By Jove, what beauties! You didn't find them at the Moss, I'll be bound!"

"No," she said—"they were given to me."

He glanced from the flowers to her face quickly.

"They came from the Hall, then? Fred Parsons gave them to you?"

"Yes," she answered with equivocation, but she was conscious of the tide of color that rose to her brow. "Mr. Parsons seems to be a privileged person at the Hall."

"People of his sort usually are privileged wherever they go," he returned with heat.

"Of his sort," she said, turning over the leaves of the book which she held absently in her hands. "Of his sort? You mean of his easy confidence—of his cheerful geniality?"

Reg Moncrieff noticed the amusement in her eyes and voice.

"No," he answered decisively, with his fine blue eyes full on hers—"no—of the sort that has boundless cheek, unlimited faith in itself, and a ready tongue."

"Privileged people only enjoy their privileges while they don't abuse them."

Somehow he knew at once that she was offering a little dignified defence of her intimacy with Parsons.

"Oh, well," he said gaily, "I don't want to say a word against Parsons—he is quite a good sort, and the best shot in the place. Only, if he brings you flowers, I don't see why I mayn't."

"I would rather that you didn't," she said, moving the door a hairsbreadth as though to remind him that he had stayed long enough. "It is different."

He thought that she referred to their social standing, for the Moncrieffs came of a good old stock, and Parsons was only the indifferently-educated son of Sir Nathaniel Copeland's bailiff; but he intended that she should explain herself. So he asked—

"How—different?"

"It is different," she merely reiterated, and, inclining her smooth brown head, quietly shut the door.

Reg turned homewards, and not until he came to the Vicarage gate did he pause to light a pipe.

"By Jove!" he said aloud suddenly. "Ousted by a little schoolmistress! I'll find out why Fred Parsons may give her flowers and I may not!"

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IN THE DOWN-HILL OF LIFE

BY JOHN COLLINS.

In the down-hill of life, when I find I'm declining,
May my lot no less fortunate be
Than a snug elbow-chair can afford for reclining,
And a cot that o'erlooks the wide sea;
With an ambling pad-pony to pace o'er the lawn,
While I carol away idle sorrow,
And blithe as the lark that each day hails the dawn,
Look forward with hope for to-morrow.

With a porch at my door, both for shelter and shade too,
As the sunshine or rain may prevail;
And a small spot of ground for the use of the spade too,
With a barn for the use of the flail;
A cow for my dairy, a dog for my game,
And a purse when a friend wants to borrow;
I'll envy no nabob his riches or fame,
Nor what honors await him to-morrow.

From the bleak northern blast may my cot be completely
Secured by a neighboring hill;
And at night may repose steal upon me more sweetly
By the sound of a murmuring rill;
And while peace and plenty I find at my board,
With a heart free from sickness and sorrow,
With my friends may I share what to-day may afford,
And let them spread the table to-morrow.

And when I at last must throw off this frail covering
Which I have worn for threescore years and ten,
On the brink of the grave I'll not seek to keep hovering,
Nor my thread wish to spin o'er again;
But my face in the glass I'll serenely survey,
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REGISTER OF WILLS OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL., Feb. 1, 1905

Upon the application of John A. David, Administrator of Benjamin F. David late of Blackbird Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register of Wills that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in THE MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

(SEAL)

FRED E. BACH, Register of Wills.

NOTICE—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned on the First day of February A. D. 1905, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested to the said Administrator, on or before the First day of February 1906, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

JOHN A. DAVID,
Administrator.

Address, Taylors Bridge, Delaware.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SS.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:—

Whereas, Mary P. Connelly by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Harry W. Connelly.

[Seal]

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Harry W. Connelly, that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Twenty-second day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Mary P. Connelly, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

And have you then there this writ.

Witness the Honorable Chas. B. Lore, at Wilmington, the Sixteenth day of March A. D. nineteen hundred and five.

FRANK L. SPEAKMAN,
Issued April 3d, 1905. - Prothonotary.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SS.
THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

TO THE SHERIFF OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, GREETING:

Whereas, Gertrude Woolsey by her Petition to the Judges of our Superior Court, filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court in and for New Castle County, for the cause of complaint therein alleged, has made application to our said Judges that a decree may be pronounced dissolving the marriage existing between the Petitioner and Samuel D. Woolsey.

[Seal]

We, therefore, command you, as you were heretofore commanded, that you summon Samuel D. Woolsey, that he be and appear before the Judges of our said Court at the next term thereof to be held at Wilmington, on Monday, the Twenty-second day of May next to answer the allegations of the said petitioner, Gertrude Woolsey, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and also to do and receive what the Court shall then and there consider concerning him in this behalf as to the Court shall seem meet and consistent with the provisions of the said Act of Assembly.

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‖ 5.50	‖ 7 40	‖ 10.16	‖ 2 05	‖ 3 05	‖ 5.55	11 05	Philadelphia	..0	9 4	10.5	12 0	3.52	5.4	7.42
..	‖ 5.00	‖ 6.55	‖ 12.01	‖ 12.35	‖ 4.00	‖ 6.50	Washington	7.20	11.52	1.20	1.42	6.10	8.15	9.44
..	6.35	7.55	1 06	2 20	4 57	7.51	Baltimore	6 07	‖ 10 31	‖ 11 25	‖ 2 35	‖ 5.09	‖ 7 10	‖ 8 40
4.10	‖ 8.28	‖ 10 58	‖ 3 00	‖ 3 44	‖ 6.32	11.50	Wilmington	4 40	8 42	10 05	11.33	2.30	‖ 5.00	6.50
7.38	h 8.38	..	3.10	..	f 7.02	..	Farnhurst	..	8.32	p 9.5-	11.53	2.22	..	6 40
7.44	8.42	..	3 15	3 57	7.06	..	New Castle	..	8.27	9.51	10 .9	2.16	..	6.36
f 7.48	h 8 46	..	f 3 21	..	f 7.10	..	State Road	..	8 21	..	f 10 54	f 2.11	..	f 6.21
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